## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Claeys et al. Atty. Ref.: BJS-2551-173

Serial No. 10/537,787 TC/A.U.: 1634

Filed: June 6, 2005 Examiner: Salmon

For: DETECTION, IDENTIFICATION AND DIFFERENTIATION

OF EUBACTERIAL TAXA USING A HYBRIDIZATION

ASSAY

\* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

April 18, 2008

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## **PETITION TO EXTEND**

Petition is hereby made to extend the life of the above-entitled application for three (3) month(s) from the due date of January 18, 2008, of the Official Action dated October 18, 2007.

An extension fee of \$1050.00 is now attached in order that a Request for a continuation application may be filed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any <u>deficiency</u> in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**.

Claeys et al. Serial No. 10/537,787 Atty. Ref.: 2551-173 April 18, 2008 PETITION TO EXTEND

Respectfully submitted,

## **NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.**

By: /B. J. Sadoff/
B. J. Sadoff
Reg. No. 36,663

BJS:pp 901 North Glebe Road, 11th Floor Arlington, VA 22203-1808 Telephone: (703) 816-4000 Facsimile: (703) 816-4100